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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNESCO, PORG
SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
JACK FOBES, UNESCO

REF: PARIS 7534

1. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH PERMREP PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE US, FOBES WAS VERY DISCOURAGED AND ON VERGE OF CONSIDERING TO LEAVE PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF HIS CONTRACT. HE SAID HE WOULD "STICK IT OUT" A WHILE LONGER, BUT WOULD GIVE NO TIME FRAME. FOBES IS DISCOURAGED PRIMARILY BY HIS DETERIORATING RELATIONS WITH DG M'BOW. HE FEELS THAT UNESCO IS NOT BEING MANAGED PROPERLY AND MANY PROGRAMS, IE. THOSE IN COMMUNICATIONS, ARE NOT BEING HANDLED WELL. FOBES SAYS THAT PROGRESS ON GETTING THE "WISE MEN" GROUP FUNCTIONING ON THE MASS MEDIA IS BOGGED DOWN, REPORTED REFTEL. FOBES ALSO SAYS HIS PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH THE DG ARE BAD AND THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THEY BOTH NARROWLY AVOIDED LOSING THEIR TEMPER. FOBES SAYS HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE WAY IN WHICH M'BOW IS MANAGING THE SECRETARIAT, IT IS TOO MUCH A ONE MAN SHOW, AND HE FEELS LEFT OUT.

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2. NEEDLESS TO SAY FOBES IS ALSO VERY DISCOURAGED OVER THE REPORTED ACTION IN CONGRESS ON THE US CONTRIBUTION AND SAID THAT IN THE MORNING MEETING WITH M'BOW, HE WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, WHICH FOBES SAYS M'BOW IS BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED. FOBES FELL SHORT OF SAYING THE DG IS BLAMING HIM FOR

US LACK OF FUNDING, BUT HE SAID THAT HE FEELS PRESSURES BUILDING THROUGHOUT THE UNESCO HOUSE. HE SAID HE WOULD EXPECT A HEATED DEBATE IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON US CONTRIBUTIONS IF THE LOW FIGURES NOW BEING TALKED ABOUT ARE IN FACT ADOPTED BY CONGRESS. FOBES SAID HE INTENDS TO TALK OF THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF US FUNDING REDUCTIONS ON HIS TRIP. HE ALSO SAID THAT PLACEMENT OF AMERICANS WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT UNTIL FULL FUNDING IS RESTORED.

3. COMMENT: FOBES IS INDEED DISCOURAGED AND ABOUT AT THE END OF HIS ROPE. DEPARTMENT CAN EXPECT REPE-
TION OF THIS LINE WHEN FOBES PAYS CALL WEEK OF MARCH
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